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Happy New Year to all our readers from **I LOVE TO READ BATMAN AND SUPERMAN**. This month we're back in action with great new stories, some fab activities — and how about your great **FREE GIFT** on the cover!

We start off this month's issue with a quiet story called *Housework*. The story finds **Alfred**, Bruce Wayne's faithful butler, dusting down the Batcave and its contents. When he comes to the souvenirs **Batman** has collected from his various adventures, Alfred recalls how the Dark Knight came by them. This story reminds us how much Gotham City owes **Batman** for protecting it against all the mad villains who have attacked it over the years.

In the story *Best of Enemies*, the criminal organisation known as Intergang appears to be responsible for a crime wave which has recently hit Metropolis. **Clark Kent** and **Lois Lane** follow some leads on Intergang's movements given to them by a secret informer. This leads the journalists into a sticky situation and it's time for **Superman** to come to the rescue!

As another **great extra**, this month there are **TWENTY QUESTIONS** at the centre of this magazine for you to test yourself on your Superman knowledge.

All this, plus puzzles in the centre, make this one jam-packed issue for you to get your teeth into!

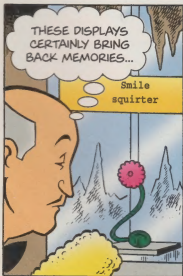


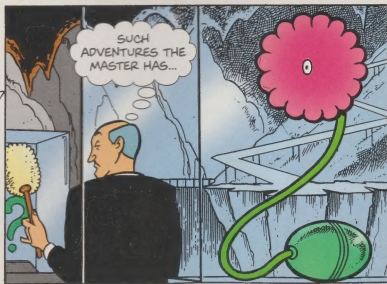
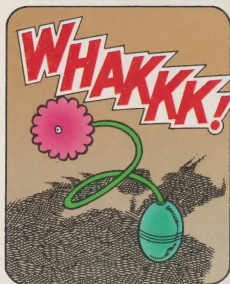
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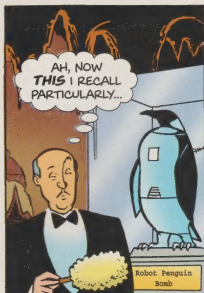
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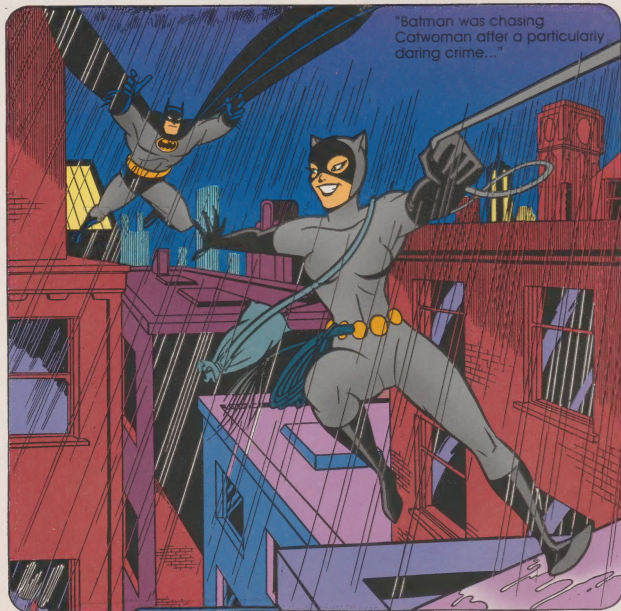
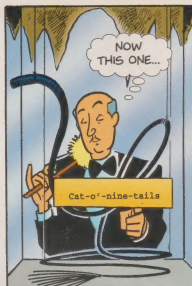
HOUSEWORK

The **Batcave** is the most advanced crime-fighting headquarters in the world. But even **it** needs **cleaning** from time to time...

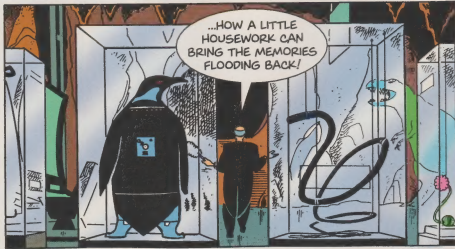












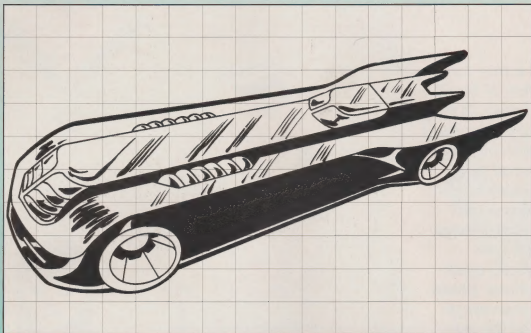
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DRAW THE BATMOBILE

Here's a way to draw your own picture of the Batmobile. Copy the picture from the grid on the top using the number and alphabet references, and duplicate the image of the Batmobile onto the grid at the bottom.

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16

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1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16

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QUIZ
TIME

TWENTY QUESTIONS

TO TEST YOUR KNOWLEDGE



Are you a true fan of the Man of Steel? Do you know all the facts about this super hero and the other heroes and villains who join him in his adventures? Put your knowledge to the test with these twenty quick-fire questions. Check out the answers at the end of the quiz to add up your score and rate your excellence as a Superman fan!



Q1 WHO IS SUPERMAN?

- A. Clark Gable
- B. Clark Kent
- C. Mark Cent
- D. Harvey Dent



Q2 WHERE DOES SUPERMAN LIVE?

- A. Atlantis
- B. Chicago
- C. London
- D. Metropolis



Q3 WHICH IS SUPERMAN'S HOME PLANET?

- A. Mars
- B. Jupiter
- C. Krypton
- D. Saturn



Q4 WHAT IS THE NAME OF SUPERMAN'S EARTH MOTHER?

- A. Matilda Kent
- B. Maria Kent
- C. Martha Kent
- D. Mary Kent



Q5 WHAT IS LOIS LANE'S PROFESSION?

- A. Model
- B. Reporter
- C. Chef
- D. Lawyer



Q6 WHAT IS SUPERMAN'S KRYPTONIAN NAME?

- A. Kal-El
- B. Pal-El
- C. Air Al
- D. Jelly Eel



Q7 WHO IS RUDY JONES?

- A. The Park Keeper
- B. The Predator
- C. The Producer
- D. The Parasite



BATMAN AND SUPERMAN

COLOURING AND WORKBOOK

LETTER JUMBLE!

All the letters from the alphabet can be seen here except for six. Use the whole alphabet written below to help you find the missing letters and rearrange them to spell one of Batman's souvenirs from the story *Housework*.

b v u y j q
g d s m
i x a h t
n c z k p

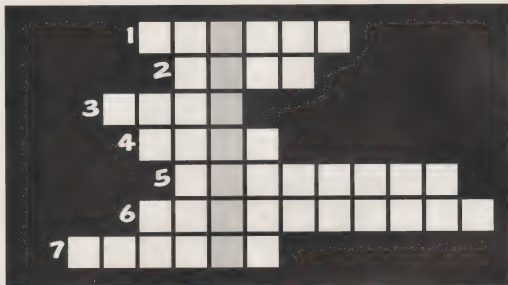
Write the letters and what they spell in the box below.

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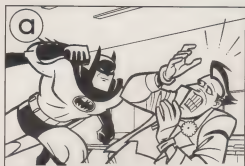
Write the correct answers to the clues in the small boxes.
The letters in the shaded boxes will reveal the name of
Batman and Robin's headquarters. All the words come
from the story *Housework*.



1. The Penguin's penguins were these.
2. You wear this over your face.
3. Small particles in the air.
4. It's on the front of your head!
5. Batman's feline enemy.
6. The word for exciting stories.
7. This is colourful and grows in gardens.

ALL MIXED UP

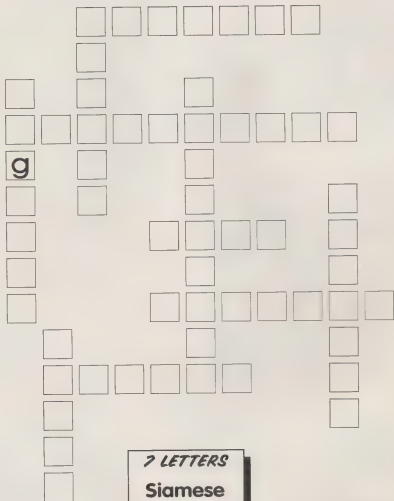
These pictures have been taken from this month's comic strip story. Put them in the **correct order** (1-6) and write the letter from each picture in the boxes below to find a word used in the story.



1	2	3	4	5	6	7

FIT THE CATS IN!

In the story *Housework*, Batman chases Catwoman across the rooftops of Gotham City. Catwoman loves cats, and all the words in the boxes below are the names of different cat breeds. Do you know any of them? See if you can fit them into the grid of squares correctly.



4 LETTERS

Manx

7 LETTERS

Siamese
Burmese
Persian
Ragdoll

5 LETTERS

Korat

6 LETTERS

Ocicat
Sphynx

9 LETTERS

Singapura

10 LETTERS

Abyssinian

HOW MANY WORDS?

How many words of three letters or more can you make from the words below which come from the story *Best of Enemies*?

keyboard

yard

headline

need

diamond

main

defeated

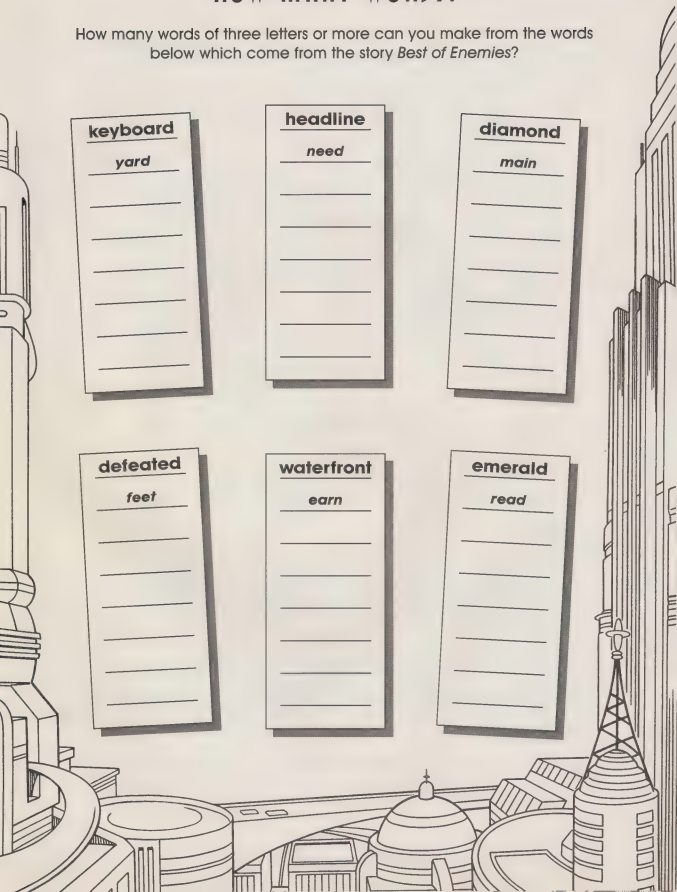
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waterfront

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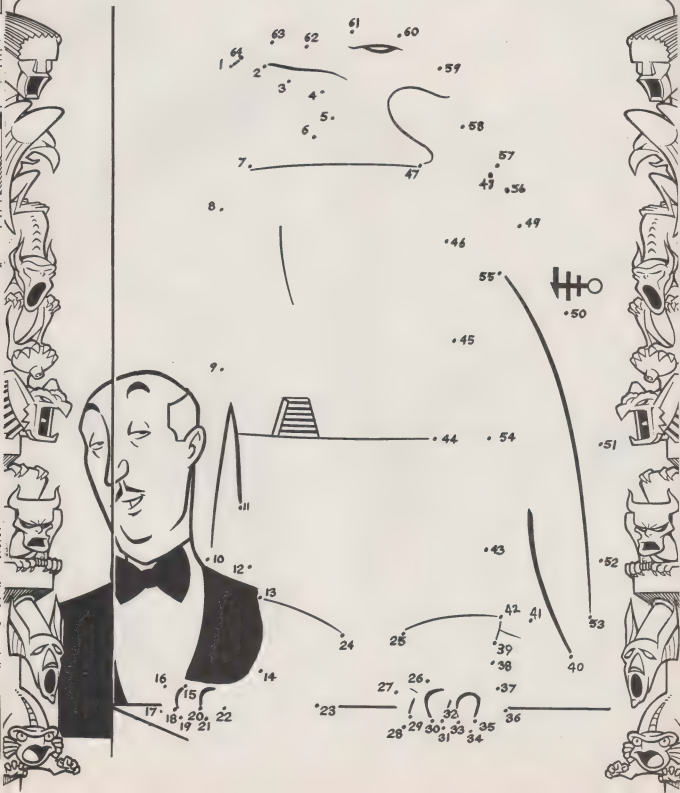
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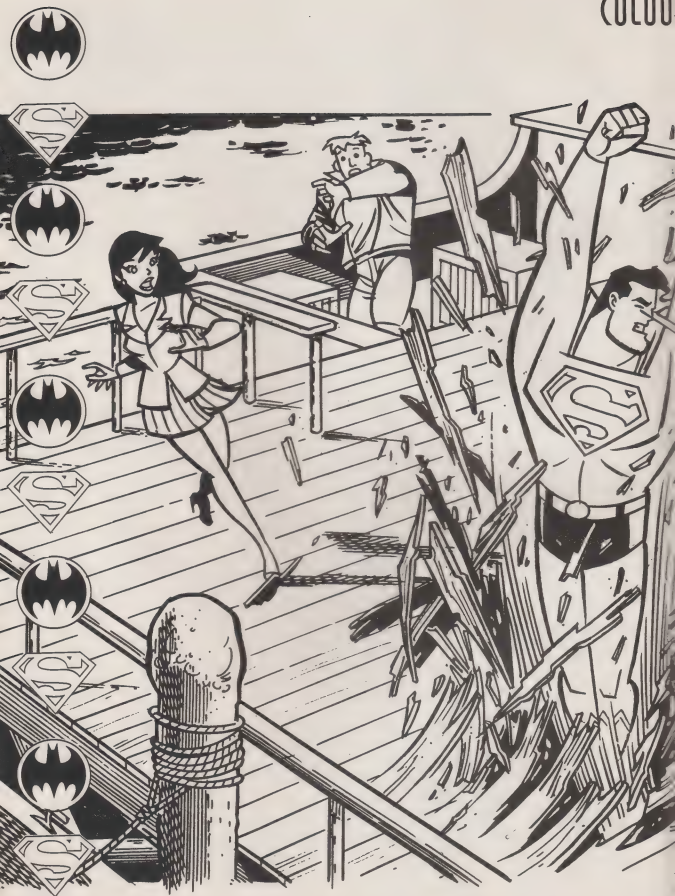
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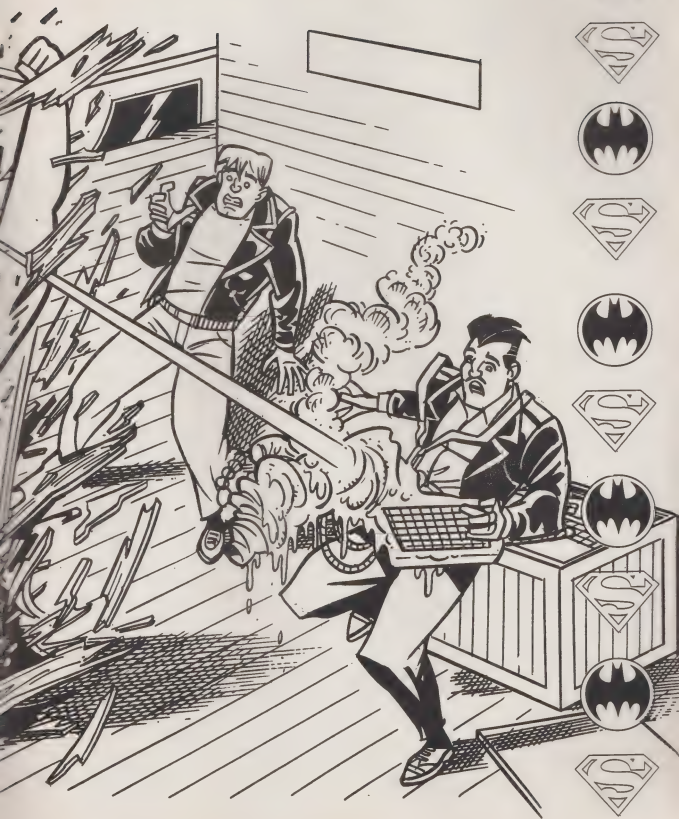
DOT TO DOT

Join the dots to complete this picture and find out what Alfred is looking at.



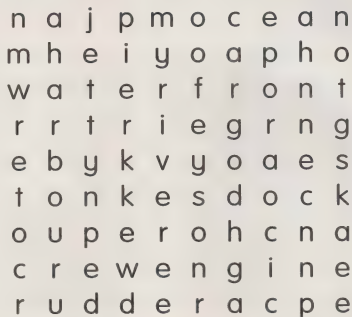


RING



WORDSEARCH

In the story *Best of Enemies*, Lois Lane and Clark Kent spy on some criminals down at the docks. In the columns below are words that are connected with boats and sailing. Can you find them hidden in the wordsearch below? They are hidden across, backwards, down and diagonally.



n	a	j	p	m	o	c	e	a	n					
m	h	e	i	y	o	a	p	h	o					
w	a	t	e	r	f	r	o	n	t					
r	r	t	r	i	e	g	r	n	g					
e	b	y	k	v	y	o	a	e	s					
t	o	n	k	e	s	d	o	c	k					
o	u	p	e	r	o	h	c	n	a					
c	r	e	w	e	n	g	i	n	e					
r	u	d	d	e	r	a	c	p	e					

- ☐ ocean
- ☐ cargo
- ☐ waterfront
- ☐ pier
- ☐ river
- ☐ dock
- ☐ anchor
- ☐ engine

- ☐ ship
- ☐ harbour
- ☐ crew
- ☐ rudder
- ☐ sea
- ☐ knot
- ☐ rope
- ☐ jetty

A tall, narrow building with many windows, shown in a perspective view. The building has a grid-like facade with multiple rows of windows. The windows are dark, suggesting interior lighting or reflections. The building is set against a light background.



a b c d e f g h i j k l m n o p q r s t u v w x y z

CLARK KENT-SUPERMAN-CLARK KENT-SUPERMAN

Before Superman comes to the rescue, he has to change from his clothes as Clark Kent. Below are 15 pictures of Clark Kent changing into the Man of Steel. All have a matching pair except for one. Can you spot him?



ANSWERS

LETTER JUMBLE!

The letters spell:
flower

ALL MIXED UP

m	a	s	t	e	r
1	2	3	4	5	6

FIT THE CATS IN!

			s	i	a	m	e	s	e			
			p									
r			h			s						
a	b	y	s	s	i	n	i	a	n			
g		n										
d		x				g				p		
						m	a	n	x		e	
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			k				r			i		
			o	c	t	i	c	a	t		a	n
			r									
			a									
			t									

HOW MANY WORDS?

Here are a few possible answers:

keyboard:

yard, bed, dry, oar, bear, robe, oar

headline:

need, heal, dine, lead, deal, hand

diamond:

main, mad, mind, dim, dad, aim

defeated:

feet, deaf, date, fade, feed, tea
waterfront:

earn, want, rad, tan, fern, tear, fat

emerald:

dream, read, earl, red, made, meal

WHAT'S HIDDEN?

1	r	o	b	o	t	s							
	2	m	a	s	k								
3	d	u	s	t									
	4	f	a	c	e								
		5	c	a	t	w	o	m	a	n			
			6	a	d	v	e	n	t	u	r	e	s
7	f	l	o	w	e	r							

WORDSEARCH

n	a	j	p	m	o	c	e	a	n
m	h	e	i	y	o	a	p	h	o
w	a	t	e	r	f	r	o	n	t
r	r	t	r	i	e	g	r	n	g
e	b	y	k	v	y	o	a	e	s
t	o	n	k	e	s	d	o	c	k
o	u	p	e	r	o	h	c	n	a
c	r	e	w	e	n	g	i	n	e
r	u	d	d	e	r	a	c	p	e

WHAT'S THE MESSAGE?

Attention Daily

Planet! -

Intergang to

make raid

at airport -

midnight

tonight!

CLARK KENT-SUPERMAN

A=K; B=E; C=M;

D=I; F=G; J=O;

L=N; H is the

unique figure.

Q8 WHAT IS JIMMY OLSEN'S JOB?

- A. Photographer
- B. Reporter
- C. Physicist
- D. Doctor



Q9 WHAT IS SUPERMAN'S NICK NAME?

- A. The Man of Steel
- B. The Magic Man
- C. The Flying Man
- D. The Man of Iron

Q10 WHERE IS MR. MXYZPTLK FROM?

- A. The third dimension
- B. The fourth dimension
- C. The fifth dimension
- D. Xytpkxqpt

Q11 WHAT IS BRAINIAC?

- A. A rocket scientist
- B. A mechanic
- C. A super computer
- D. A brain surgeon



Q12 WHERE DO CLARK KENT'S PARENTS LIVE?

- A. Washington
- B. Kansas
- C. Miami
- D. Seattle



Q13 WHERE DOES LOIS LANE WORK?

- A. A chip shop
- B. A department store
- C. A beauty salon
- D. A newspaper office



Q14 WHAT IS THE DAILY PLANET?

- A. An astronomy magazine
- B. An astrology magazine
- C. A newspaper
- D. An organic supermarket

Q15 WHO IS THE TOYMAN?

- A. Winslow Schott, Jr.
- B. Winston Shot, Jr.
- C. Winslow Sock, Jr.
- D. Winslow Stock, Jr.



Q16 WHO CREATED BIZARRO?

- A. Lex Luthor
- B. Superman
- C. Brainiac
- D. Mr. Mxyzptlk



Q17 WHAT CAN WEAKEN SUPERMAN?

- A. Dynamite
- B. Marmite
- C. Vegemite
- D. Kryptonite

Q18 WHAT DOES SUPERMAN WEAR ON HIS CHEST?

- A. A tie
- B. A cravat
- C. An S-shield
- D. Hair



Q19 WHO OWNS LEXCORP?

- A. Bruce Wayne
- B. LexoSkel-5000
- C. Perry White
- D. Lex Luthor



Q20 WHAT IS THE NAME OF SUPERMAN'S KRYPTONIAN FATHER?

- A. Jaw-EI
- B. Jor-EI
- C. Poor-AL
- D. No-EI



0-5: Oh dear! You're not very familiar with Superman's adventures. You've got some serious swatting to do.

6-10: Not bad—but not that good either! Your knowledge is still a bit shaky.

11-15: Very good. You do know your hero facts! You'll soon be an expert on the subject.

16-20: There's not much you *don't* know! Well done—you're a true fan!

17:D, 18:C, 19:D, 20:B
13:D, 14:C, 15:A, 16:A,
9:A, 10:C, 11:C, 12:B,
4:C, 5:B, 6:A, 7:D, 8:A,
ANSWERS: 1:B, 2:D, 3:C,

In search of a great scoop, Clark Kent and Lois Lane are helped by the...

BEST OF ENEMIES

The weapon was unlike anything Superman had ever seen before. Strange energy seethed around its twin-chambered power cell, channelled through transparent tubing to a mini satellite dish. Too large to carry, the weapon was strapped to the man's upper body and operated by a waist level keyboard.

What had at first appeared to be a fairly routine diamond robbery had suddenly become anything but routine.

Superman recognised the thieves as members of Intergang, a highly efficient criminal organisation responsible for the crime wave that was currently gripping Metropolis.

It had taken Clark Kent just fourteen seconds to change out of his street clothes and fly, as Superman, the two miles from the *Daily Planet* Building to the Metropolis Diamond Exchange.

The man wearing the strange weapon seemed unconcerned by the Man of Steel's sudden arrival. It was as if he'd been waiting for him.

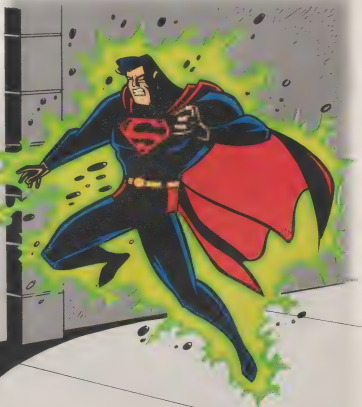
"Welcome to the party!" the man said with false politeness. "This is how it works. First **we** get the 'ice'..."

His fingers danced briefly over the keyboard, "... and then **you** get iced!"

And with that, cold fire flared out in pincer-like bolts from the weapon's dish assembly, completely enveloping Superman in mid-air.

At first he felt only a slight tingling sensation, then suddenly the pain hit him—an agonising jolt that Superman felt in every nerve ending. Unable to stay aloft, he crashed spectacularly into a parked car.

SUPERMAN created by Jerry Siegel and Joe Shuster



Dimly, through the roaring in his ears, Superman heard the approaching police sirens and the screech of tyres as the robbers completed their getaway. The numbing pain was gradually fading, but it was too late.

SUPERMAN DEFEATED! screamed the *Daily Planet's* headline the next morning.

Stirring her morning coffee, reporter Lois Lane wasn't sure if she should feel happy or sad at her latest story. If Superman couldn't stop Intergang, who could?

"Where are they getting these weapons?" asked fellow reporter Clark Kent suddenly, breaking Lois's doom-laden train of thought.

Seated at his desk, a short distance from her across the *Planet's* offices, Clark had been strangely quiet all morning. Perhaps, Lois guessed, he too was wondering what the future held for Metropolis with Intergang calling the shots.

"I mean," he told Lois, careful not to reveal just how much he knew about the previous day's battle, "that sort of firepower sounds even a little out of Intergang's league."

The phone rang before she could reply, and Lois picked it up.

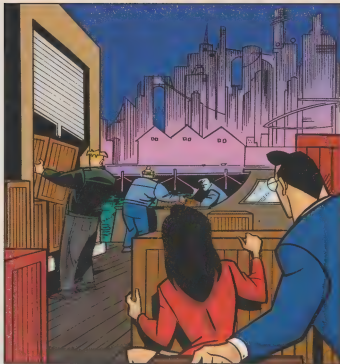
"Newsroom." A pause. "Yes, this is she."

Lois listened, her brow furrowing. "Look, who—?"

But the line had gone dead.

"Let me guess," said Clark as Lois replaced the receiver, "another anonymous tip-off."

Lois sighed, "Right. I should feel pleased someone's trying so hard to keep us one jump ahead of Intergang. Instead, I smell a very big rat!"



"So," said Clark with a cautious smile, "I suppose that means we're going anyway."

A cold mist rolled in off the Metropolis river. It added to the general air of silent menace that shrouded the waterfront. Lois and Clark watched the run-down hulk of rotting timbers and rusted metal that was Pier 23.

"You realise," said Clark after some two hours had passed, "our mystery informant might be wrong this time."

Lois just shrugged, "Maybe. But so far they've been right on the money, and I don't—"

"Listen," said Clark, aware immediately that the motor was still too far away for normal human ears.

Lois listened. "What?" she asked after a few moments, and then she too heard the slight thrumming.

"A boat," Lois breathed, as a sleek thirty foot craft emerged from the mist.

As the boat docked, a van appeared, quietly driving up the pier to

meet it. Black clothed figures emerged and quickly started to unload some bulky crates from the boat.

Keeping low, Clark began to work his way around to the far side of the dock. He hoped to get a closer look at the boat and its crew. As usual, he suggested Lois stay put.

As usual she ignored him.

If she could just get into the van undetected, she decided, and hide behind the newly loaded crates, they'd take her straight to Intergang's secret base. Halfway to the van, a rotting timber gave way under her foot and the crack echoed off the nearby buildings. Immediately Lois was surrounded, as five heavy-set men stood with cold, unblinking eyes.

"Miss Lane, isn't it?" said one of the men, his voice surprisingly cultured. "Under normal circumstances I'd be interested to know exactly how you came to be here, but sadly I have a schedule to keep to."

Lois turned to run, but other hands grasped her roughly.

The man who'd spoken opened one of the crates, removing a machine of dark crystal. Its sculpted surface was laced with lines of red circuitry.

"Here's your story," the man said, pointing the strange weapon directly at Lois. "Alien super-weapons, guaranteed effective against even **super** men. Too bad you'll never get to write it!"

Lois tensed, her legs shaking. No, she realised. It wasn't her shaking—it was the pier.

Suddenly timbers splintered explosively, flying into the air, as Superman hurtled up from below. He shielded Lois from the beam of emerald green force that erupted from the weapon.

Although nowhere near as powerful as the blast he'd endured the previous day, Superman was taking no chances. His heat vision quickly reduced the weapon to a hot molten mass. The man yelped as he hurled it away from him.

As fast as the others reacted, Superman was faster. As the members of Intergang went for their weapons, Superman—pausing only to lift Lois into his arms for safety—stamped down hard on the rickety pier.

With a drawn out creak, the ancient structure, long overdue for demolition, began to collapse, tearing free from its dockside moorings. The crates of weapons and the Intergang men hit the murky waters of the Metropolis river.

Superman and Lois, hovering a few feet in the air, watched as the waterlogged Intergang members made their way to the shore, their precious cargo lost in the thick mud of the river bed.

The boat that had delivered the crates was already beating a hasty retreat, but Superman seemed unconcerned.

"I asked Kent to alert the river police," he told Lois, having done so himself moments before. "They won't get far."

Later, Clark and Lois watched as the Intergang members were led away by the police.





"Thanks to Superman, Intergang have been dealt quite a blow," said Clark. "If only we knew who'd helped us with those tips..."

At that moment, across the city, Lex Luthor, one of Superman's greatest foes, stared out the windows of his penthouse office in the towering LexCorp Building.

He allowed himself a small, satisfied smile.

Behind him, his personal assistant, Mercy, cleared her throat. "I don't understand, Lex. Why did you help Lane and Kent? Your anonymous tips handed them Intergang on a plate. I mean," she continued, "you're not exactly best of friends."

Luthor slowly turned from the window.

"One has to know how to use all available resources, Mercy," he said at

last. "Intergang was a minor nuisance at best, hardly worthy of my personal attention. But it amused me to see how easily I could nip a potential threat in the bud by using another, far greater challenger to my hold on Metropolis."

Mercy shook her head. She'd worked for Luthor for many years now, and still he never ceased to amaze her. "You knew that if you exposed Lane and Kent to danger," she said, "Superman would get involved, and Intergang would come off the worse."

Luthor was smiling broadly now. A tiger's smile. "A little indulgence," he acknowledged, "but most rewarding. As for Lane and Kent, well..." Luthor considered, "... you could say we're the best of enemies!"

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VILLAIN FILES

Other Identity:

None

Occupation:

Businessman

Known Relatives:

None

Base of Operations:

Metropolis

Height: 6' 0"**Weight:** 115 kilos**Eyes:** Black**Hair:** None**Psychological profile:**

Born in Suicide Slum, one of the poorest sections in Metropolis, Lex Luthor inherited a large sum of money when his parents died in a mysterious car accident. He has a brilliant mind for business, and has created an empire that has connections all over Metropolis, including ties to many criminal enterprises. Although Luthor is good at covering his tracks, Superman remains suspicious, but so far has been unable to have Luthor arrested for his crimes.

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by ELEANOR HUNT
aged 4 from Wotton-Under-Edge



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IN THE NEXT ISSUE

Next month, the Man of Steel comes to the rescue of Suicide Slum. This poor area of Metropolis is the focus of a small but very powerful demolition team which is trying to raze it to the ground. **Superman** suspects that the evil mastermind **Lex Luthor** is behind the scheme, but can he prove it? Will Superman be successful and expose Lex for who he really is? Read *Demolition Derby* to find out!



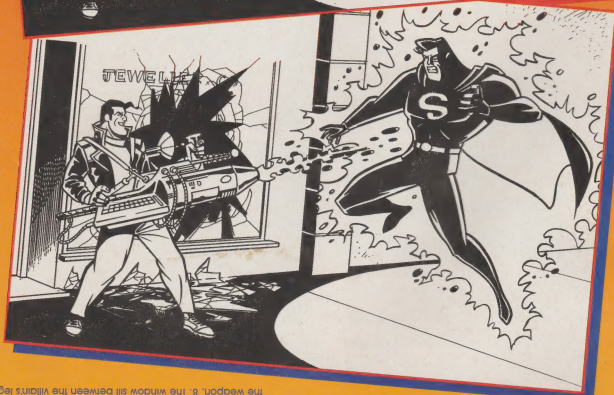
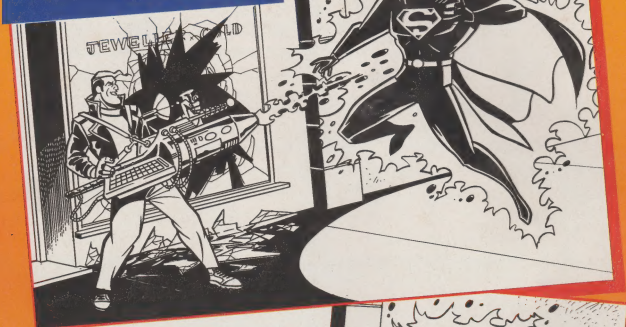
That mad criminal, **the Riddler**, is back to puzzle **Batman** and **Robin** in the story, *Multiple Choice*. As usual, the Prince of Puzzlers leaves a trail of riddles to give the duo clues to his up-and-coming crime spree. What is he up to this time? You'll just have to wait until next month to see.



**PLUS
A GREAT
BATMAN
GIFT!**

SPOT THE DIFFERENCE

Can you spot the 8 differences between these two pictures of Superman being zapped by a deadly weapon?



Answers: 1. Superman's S-shield, 2. The bottom of Superman's cape, 3. One of the large shards of glass, 4. The villain's hair, 5. The 'LD' on the glass, 6. One of the buttons on the weapon, 7. The keyboard of the weapon, 8. The window sill between the villain's legs.